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SUBJECT: FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT MEETING

1. AS FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT TALKS OPENED IN BANGUI ON
MARCH 7 PRESIDENT BOKASSA, HOUPHOUET BOIGNY, AND GISCARD
D'ESTAING IN OPENING STATEMENTS ADDRESSED THEMSELVES TO WORLD
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ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. ALL THREE LEADERS PRAISED RECENTLY SIGNED

LOME CONVENTION ESPECIALLY PROVISIONS FOR STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS AND EEC COMMITMENT TO HELP ACP STATES PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. HOUPHOUET BOIGNY STATED THAT LOME ACCORD IS BOTH A SYMBOL AND START OF NEW ERA IN RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMON MARKET AND DEVELOPING NATIONS.

2. BOKASSA IN AN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES CRITICIZED POLITICS OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN OIL PRODUCING AND CONSUMING NATIONS. HE DEPLORED SUGGESTIONS OF ARMED INTERVENTION AND STRESSED NEED FOR PEACEFUL COOPERATION IN ORDER TO SOLVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. FRENCH LEADER GISCARD D'ESTAING SAID ONLY ACCEPTABLE WAY TO OBTAIN NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM IS DIALOGUE. CONFRONTATION IS USELESS HE SAID WARNING THAT IT COULD LEAD TO GLOBAL ECONOMIC WAR. HE CONTINUED BY EMPHASIZING RECENT CHANGES IN WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION REQUIRE JOINT SOLUTIONS BY DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. FRENCH PRESIDENT NOTED THAT NOT ALL THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES HAVE BENEFITED FROM TEND TOWARD HIGHER PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS AND THAT INFLATION POSES MORTAL THREAT TO DEVELOPING NATIONS NOT BLESSED WITH MINERAL RESOURCES.

3. FRENCH PRESIDENT UNDERSCORED NEED FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM BASED ON WHAT HE CALLED SOLIDARITY OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. HE FURTHER COMMENTED THAT SUMMIT TALKS MARK BEGINNING OF NEW PHASE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN FRANCE AND AFRICAN NATIONS.

4. INCIDENT OCCURRED AT OPENING OF CONFERENCE ON MARCH 7 IN WHICH GOCAR ATTEMPTED FORCE CAMEROONIAN AMBASSADOR TO SIT AT TABLE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS GOVERNMENT. HE ABSOLUTELY REFUSED ON GROUNDS IT WAS UP TO HIS GOVERNMENT, NOT HIMSELF, TO DECIDE WHETHER GOC WOULD BE REPRESENTED.

5. CHIEFS OF STATE FOR BURUNDI AND RWANDA, WHO HAVE FELT NEGLECTED SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL, DEPARTED MORNING OF MARCH 8 LONG BEFORE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO TEND. THERE ARE PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT CHIEFS OF STATE FOR MAURITIUS AND GABON WILL LEAVE MOMENTARILY. WE CAN NOT YET ASSESS WHAT IF ANYTHING THESE PREMATURE DEPARTURES MIGHT MEAN.
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